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REMARKS

I. <u>STATUS OF THE CLAIMS</u>.

Claims 1-49 were canceled previously. Claims 50-53 are pending. Each of claims 50-53 has been amended to correct one inadvertent typographical error. These amendments are not being made for any reason related to patentability, and these amendments do not include any new matter.

II. STATUS OF PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS.

A. Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 29, 2003.

In the Supplemental Amendment filed on May 21, 2007, Applicants stated that they had not yet received from the Examiner an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A-B that accompanied an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in the instant application on April 29, 2003. Upon further review of the file, Applicants have determined that the Examiner did send Applicants an initialed copy of this Form PTO/SB/08A-B, which thus confirms that the Examiner did consider the references cited therein. Applicants thank the Examiner for her consideration of these references and apologize for any confusion.

B. Two Information Disclosure Statements filed on October 8, 2003.

As noted in the previous Supplemental Amendment, on October 8, 2003 Applicants submitted the following two Information Disclosure Statements in the instant application: (1) a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement accompanied by a Form PTO SB/08A-B (5 pages) listing 93 references; and (2) a Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement accompanied by a Form PTO SB/08A-B (1 page)) listing 3 U.S. patents. Copies of the cited references were also submitted. On that date, Applicants also submitted a Request for Interference against U.S. Patent No. 6,479,258 to Jay Short. All of these documents were hand-delivered to the USPTO on October 8, 2003, addressed to Examiner Teresa Wessendorf, by Applicants' representative, Mercedes Meyer, of Burns Doane Swecker & Mathis LLP. The interference has now concluded, with judgment being rendered against Short, and the instant application has been returned to the Examiner for further examination. A copy of the two October 8, 2003 IDS submissions, including the PTO date-stamped postcard, is attached as Exhibit A.

The Examiner has informed Applicants' attorney, Margaret A. Powers, that she has not been able to locate copies of the references listed on these two Forms PTO SB/08A-B submitted on

October, 8, 2003. For the convenience of the Examiner and to facilitate prosecution of the instant application, Applicants hereby provide fresh copies of these references. In addition, to facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are re-submitting these two Forms PTO SB/08A-B. To alleviate any confusion, Applicants would appreciate if the Examiner would annotate these two Forms with her initials adjacent to each reference that she reviews.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information on each Form PTO SB/08A-B be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

Applicants believe that <u>no fee is required</u> for submission of this statement, since these references were previously made of record in the present application on October 8, 2003 and the appropriate fee was paid at that time. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0990.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner have any concerns or question, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at the number shown below.

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